

State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining JOHN R. BAZA

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May 4, 2016

Timothy Buchanan LeadFx and Chief Consolidated Mining Company 7703 Ralston Road Arvada, Colorado 80002-2431

Subject: Failure to Abate Cessation Orders, Chief Consolidated Mining Company, Tintic Operations and

Lime Peak Quarry, M/49/0047 and M/49/0062, Utah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

On December 29, 2015, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining notified Chief Consolidated Mining Company that the fines for cessation orders MC-2014-60-5 and MC-2014-60-6 had been increased by \$22,500.00 each because these cessation orders had not been abated. The fines are \$750.00 each day for 30 days for each cessation order. The notification letter requested that you remit the fines within 30 days or by January 28, 2016. To date, the Division has not received the fines.

The Division acknowledges that you have paid the fines of \$506.00 each for the original cessation orders and that the cessation orders have now been abated by posting additional reclamation surety and paying permit fees.

You have indicated verbally to the Division that you would like to appeal these fines. To do this, please request an informal conference with the Associated Director of Mining, Dana Dean. Please submit a written request to Vickie Southwick at the address shown below or by e mail at viskiesouthwick@utah.gov. The request should follow the procedures outlined in rule R647-7-106. Please submit this request no later than May 31, 2016.

Please contact April Abate at 801-538-5214 or me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions concerning this letter or the appeal procedures. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure: December 29, 2016 Correspondence

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